



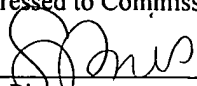
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**  
**AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 5, 2008, for the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

1. A copy of the Notice to file Non-Compliant Amendment; and
2. A Preliminary Amendment (attached hereto) providing a compliant listing of amended claims that replaces (and reflects) the amended claim listing included in the preliminary amendment filed January 24, 2005, which was determined to be non-compliant.

**Amendments to the Claims** are listed beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for net addition of claims) are authorized to be charged in a Transmittal Letter filed herewith.